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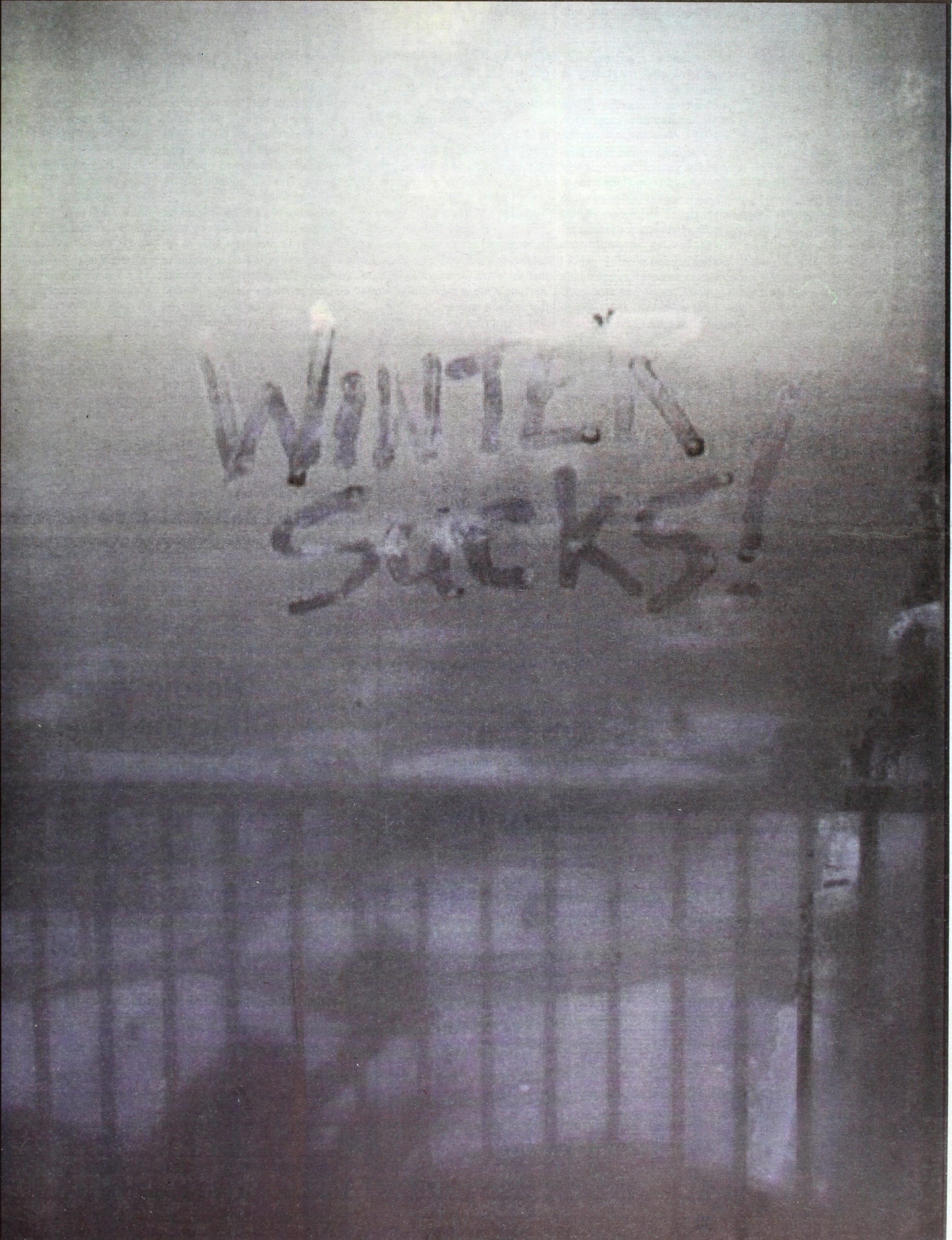
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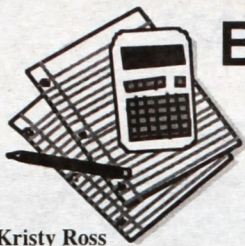


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When The Money's Not There

Balancing Full-Time Studies and Part-Time Work



by Kristy Ross
Contributor

With tuition fees rising along with textbook prices, public transportation costs, and as the basic cost of living increases, many students are feeling the need to take on part-time or even full-time jobs.

Should these students be taking on an extra workload outside of school? Valita Manners, a Community Liason Worker with YMCA Employment and Career Services, feels that this may depend on each individual student's workload, and if they are able to juggle the extra responsibility.

"[When] I was a student at Laurentian University, I found that I was able to work part-time during the first couple of years, but as the workload tends to get

heavier during the third and fourth years, working may add unnecessary stress to the student's already chaotic schedule."

Manners also said that with unemployment rates as high as they are, it is sometimes difficult for students to find a "good" employer, when any job offer is "already an accomplishment in itself."

Manners went on to say that if the opportunity does come up to be able to choose an employer, the key is researching that employer prior to any interviews. She feels that students should bring along a list of questions based on that research to their interview. "An interview should always be a two-way conversation."

Discussing an employer's flexibility around possible school schedules is an easy way to find out if a specific employer is a good choice for a student, according to Manners. She also says that once

employed, students should find out the dates and times of upcoming events, assignments and exams, in order to schedule time off accordingly and in a timely manner in order to prevent schedule conflicts. "The last thing that you want to do is leave an employer stranded," said Manners. "This demonstrates extremely poor work ethics and a lack of responsibility."

Despite the obvious difficulty in collaborating both school and work, Manners feels that if a student can manage to work the two together, "working is definitely beneficial to the student." She said that by working part-time while in school, "the student gains invaluable skills, work experience and maintains current references." She also says that the extra income may help to alleviate some of the financial stress that students endure.

In order for students to be

successful in the school/employment life, "it is extremely important that students set priorities and be very organized." Manners continued to say that it also takes "maturity and a good sense of responsibility."

Manners emphasized that school should always be the students' number one priority. "If your personal life is a high priority to you, then it may be best that you do not seek employment," she said. Manners also suggests that students who will be or are currently working should take advantage of a personal agenda. "This is a fantastic tool for organizing yourself."

Once work is causing undue stress or takes precedence over school, it is probably time to re-evaluate your priorities, according to Manners. "Dropping grades, missing classes, problems sleeping, weight changes, extreme fatigue, anxiety and moodiness could all be signs that you are taking on too much."

Manners also said that for students who are also full-time parents and employed in the workforce, taking personal time for themselves is very important as is being extremely organized. "Single parents have an extremely difficult task. They are literally working three full-time jobs: caring for children, studying and working." She also suggests discussing your situation with your employer and definitely have some personal time in which you rest or do something that that you enjoy.

First year Anthropology student, Amanda Martel, works two part-time jobs while attending Laurentian University full-time. "I work so much because I live on my



own and I don't receive enough financial aid to pay all of my monthly expenses," said Martel. "It would be a perfect world if everyone's parents could pay for their schooling, but they can't."

Martel feels that she handles both of her part-time jobs and her school life fairly well. "It gets to be a little overwhelming at times when there isn't any time to just relax."

If she had received a little more assistance, Martel knows that she would not have needed to take on two jobs in order just to survive. She is sure that if she didn't need to work that "my grades would definitely improve. I am doing well now, but when you have to shuffle jobs and homework, you are going to fall short in some areas," she said.

Martel also backed up Manners' advice of organization. "It is much easier if you are as organized as possible." She also spoke of how she handles the combined stress by talking things over with friends. "Friends can be very helpful when reassuring that everything will be fine."

If students feel that they are ready to commit to juggling work with school, Valita Manners offers advice to those who are in need of help in pursuing employment. "For help, students should visit the Placement Centre at Laurentian University, YMCA Employment and Career Services, as well as the Sudbury Vocational Centre, which can assist job seekers over the age of 24."

Nordic Vees Off to the Races

by Sarah Strickland
Contributor

The Laurentian nordic ski team got their race season started January 11-12 when they travelled to Ottawa to compete in their first OUA qualifier hosted by Nakkertok Ski Club in conjunction with Carleton University. Although missing two skiers who were competing at the World University Games in Treviso Italy, twelve racers along with coaches Bob Hanson and Mary Waddell represented Laurentian to some award-winning finishes.

Saturday's classic race saw the women skiing 10km and the men 15 km. The wax was right as the athletes battled both the cold and long hills to lead the Laurentian squad to some top-ten finishes including Helen Dyke's "come-from-behind" fourth place and Emily Morel's seventh. These finishes combined with those of Melanie Wipperecht and Susie Wiseman put the team in

third place. The men, although lacking a complete team, raced well as veterans were solid and rookies gained important race experience.

The momentum of Saturday's race was certainly carried into Sunday's 10km skate races as the Laurentian racers only improved upon their results. Paul Lammens flew by the competition to a fourteenth place and Emily Morel was at the top of game as she sped to a time good enough for first. Not far behind her, Helen Dyke placed an impressive fifth and the other athletes rounded up the team score for a fourth.

After a weekend of rest, the nordic vees will travel to Duntroon Highlands for their second race January 25-26. Their training efforts will accumulate to peak for their OUA races held February 8-9 in North Bay where, in the past, they have always been top contenders.

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Hearing Set for U.S. Pilots Who Bombed Canadians

by Jeff Franks
http://news.yahoo.com

An investigating officer will begin considering on Tuesday whether two U.S. pilots charged with manslaughter for mistakenly bombing Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan should be court martialled or cleared of wrongdoing in a case that strained U.S.-Canada relations.

The so-called Article 32 hearing is aimed at deciding if the Air Force should proceed with charges against Air National Guard pilots Maj. Harry Schmidt and William Umbach for dropping a 500-pound bomb on a Canadian military unit near the Afghan city of Kandahar last April.

Four Canadians died and eight others were injured in the attack that touched off an outcry in Canada and was one of a series of embarrassing "friendly fire" incidents by the U.S. military in the Afghan war. They were the first Canadians to die in combat since the Korean War.

Angry Canadians called for the pilots to be brought to justice, but many inside the U.S. military and out argued Schmidt and Umbach should not be prosecuted because accidents are inevitable in war.

They said the two men were patriots serving their country, not criminals, and had been accused of a crime only to mollify the Canadians.

Air Force officials have not discussed why charges were filed in this case when other "friendly fire" incidents have gone unprosecuted.

On July 1, for example, U.S. helicopters killed 40 people and wounded 100 others when they mistakenly attacked an Afghan wedding celebration, but no legal action was taken.

Lawyers for Schmidt and Umbach have raised that issue and also argued that the men's judgement may have been impaired because they had taken amphetamines at the

Air Force's suggestion to ward off fatigue on their long mission.

The Air Force has defended the use of "go pills" by its pilots, saying it has been done safely for decades. The decision to take the drugs is up to the pilots, the Air Force said.

Schmidt, 37, and Umbach, 43, are former full-time military pilots who now serve in the Illinois Air National Guard, where they were called to active duty to help the United States in its war against al Qaeda and the Taliban.

They face manslaughter, assault and dereliction of duty charges that could bring up to 64 years in a military prison.

According to a lengthy joint report by U.S. and Canadian investigators released in June, the two men took off in separate F-16 fighter jets from Kuwait's Al Jaber Air Base on the evening of April 16 and flew to Afghanistan on a mission to provide air support to ground troops.

After an uneventful tour, they turned for home about 1 a.m., popped their "go pills" and less than an hour later spotted what they believed to be ground fire coming in their direction.

Schmidt radioed a nearby U.S. AWACS (airborne warning and control system) radar plane seeking permission to fire at the shooters, but was told to stand by.

"Let's make sure that, uh, it's not friendly," Umbach told him.

Schmidt saw more firing, radioed that he was "rolling in, in self-defense" and unleashed a laser-guided bomb that scored a direct hit on its target.



What the two men did not know until it was too late was that they had fired on a training mission by soldiers of the Third Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

In the Article 32 hearing, prosecutors and defense attorneys will lay out their cases before Col. Patrick Rosenow in a proceeding that Barksdale Air Force Base spokeswoman Capt. Denise Kerr said is expected to take up to three weeks.

The hearing is being held at Barksdale because it is the base for the 8th Air Force in which the two pilots serve.

Rosenow will take the case under consideration and at a later date recommend to 8th Air Force commander Gen. Bruce Carlson whether Umbrich and Schmidt should be court martialled.

Carlson will make the final decision to dismiss the charges or proceed with court martial.

Northerners to Gather in Sault Ste. Marie to Plan Medical School Curriculum

LU Press Release

From Thursday, January 16, to Saturday, January 18, 300 Northern Ontario residents will gather in Sault Ste. Marie to take part in the Northern Ontario Medical School's (NOMS) Curriculum Workshop to begin work on an enterprise unique in the annals of Canadian medicine. This event will take place in Sault Ste. Marie's Waterfront Inn - Holiday Inn. The media is invited to attend.

"What happens in these three days will shape the future of the Northern Ontario Medical School," says Dr. Roger Strasser, Founding Dean of Canada's first new medical school in more than 30 years. "Based on the overwhelming response to our workshop call, I'm convinced that Northerners themselves will make this School a huge success."

The 300 delegates to the NOMS Curriculum Workshop are

drawn from all across the North and from all walks of life. They were selected from more than 500 Northerners who expressed interest in attending. Delegates include people from the medical, university, Franco-Ontarian, Aboriginal, and political communities.

These participants will be joined by a battery of keynote speakers, experts in community-based medical education, from medical schools in Canada, the United States and Australia.

Our aim at NOMS is to blend the best practices from existing medical schools from around the world with a made-in-Northern-Ontario component.

"It's our hope and belief that medical students trained in the North, with input and assistance from Northerners, will represent a giant step toward resolving the chronic shortage of doctors in rural and

under-served areas," Dr. Strasser maintains.

No one expects a full-blown medical school curriculum to emerge from the three-day session, he emphasizes, "but we do expect to have ongoing working groups formed that will provide materials to be crafted into actual curriculum by our expert curriculum development team."

The Sault gathering is the first major step in creating a new face for medicine in this country. It will dramatically alter health care delivery, not only in Northern Canada, but throughout the world.

A new medical school for the whole of Northern Ontario, the Northern Ontario Medical School is a joint venture partnership of Laurentian University, Sudbury and Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, with the main campuses in Thunder Bay and Sudbury.

NEWS BRIEFS

Thorneloe University Welcomes New Chaplain

Thorneloe University is pleased to announce that Dr. John Harvey will assume the positions of Assistant Chaplain and Registrar of the Thorneloe School of Theology in January 2003.

In his work as Chaplain, Dr. Harvey will provide pastoral care to the members of Thorneloe University and share in the work of Laurentian University's Spiritual Life Services. He will also give leadership to the weekly Chapel services. As Registrar to Thorneloe's School of Theology, Dr. Harvey will act as an instructor and academic advisor, and will undertake ongoing curriculum review and development for the Associate in Theology and Bachelor in Theology programs.

Dr. Harvey comes to Thorneloe University from Edmonton, where he is Lay Associate of Christian Formation at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, and where he was teaching sessionally at Newman Theological College. Dr. Harvey holds a B.A. in Religion, a Master's of Christian Studies, and a Ph.D. in Old Testament from the University of St. Michael's College in the University of Toronto. He is hoping to publish his dissertation, entitled *Retelling the Torah: the Deuteronomistic Historian's Use of Tetrateuchal Narratives*, in the near future.

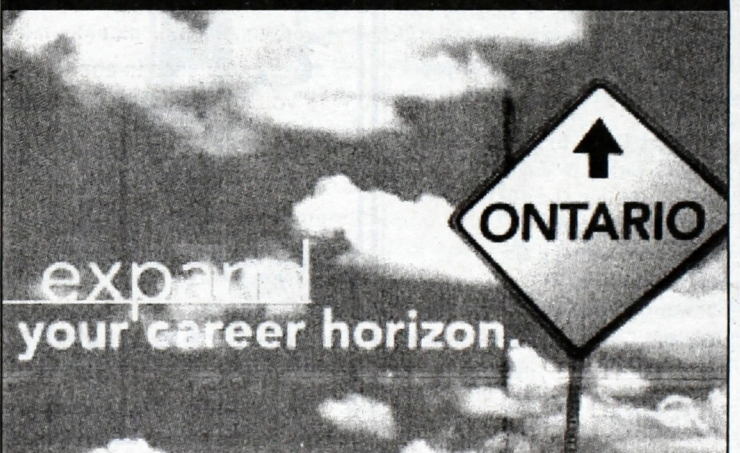
Dr. Harvey spent two years in rural Nigeria as Academic Dean of Mambilla Baptist Theological Seminary, where he initiated some community development projects. He has a reputation as a passionate and excellent teacher.

Thorneloe University will share Dr. Harvey's time with the Church of the Epiphany. Plans are underway for Dr. Harvey's ordination to the Diaconate sometime in the New Year. Dr. Harvey is married and has two children.

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EDITOR'S CORNER...

It's Just Sex, Man...

by Mat Thompson
Editor-In-Chief

I got an interesting phone call the other day from a concerned student here at Laurentian. When they told me that they were concerned about the content within the pages of Lambda, I was ready to defend the Christmas Issue to the death. I was ready for the usual "How can you print a comic depicting Santa Claus getting a blowjob" or "Do you really think it's normal to put a picture of Santa on the cover crapping down someone's chimney", but it was something else entirely. What this student was upset about was the Safe Sex insert that was placed in issue #7.

If you didn't see this insert, each page depicted two pictures and saying for both, one about sex and one about childbirth. Depicted on the first page was a woman sweating and screaming, one picture with the words "Eight Inches" and the other "Eight Centimeters", showing that the pleasure of the first can lead to the pain of the second. There were others like "Up all night" depicting both a beer bottle and a baby bottle, and "Put it in" showing a pair of legs spread in the backseat of a car and "Get it out" with a pair of legs spread on a hospital bed. In my



view, very effective ads.

The problem that this person had was the fact that Lambda was promoting promiscuous sex. The person claimed that since we were distributing these ads we were not promoting safe sex, but sex in general. Funny, I thought an ad that shows not only the pleasure, but also the long term pain of sex was a pretty damn good ad. Promiscuous sex or not, the main thing that these ads were promoting was the use of condoms to prevent any accidents from happening. They weren't saying, "Hey, whip it out, wrap it up and stick it anywhere" (the unofficial tagline of the NBA) as much as they were saying, "If you're gonna do it, do it right".

I love it when people try to turn a blind eye to the fact that people actually have sex. Think about it. Right now there are probably multiple couples here on campus that are going at it like there's no tomorrow. Clothes are thrown on the floor of a rez room, couples are grabbing a quickie in an abandoned classroom, that jammed elevator is a love-shack for a few minutes and (from what I have heard), the Eleventh Floor of the Parker Building is a favorite for those who love to screw with administration in more ways than one.

So, you want to believe that sex is something that people should only do when they are married? Well, there are many people out there who believe the same thing, and I applaud them for that. It's their choice to say no... but it is also the rest of our choices to say yes.... YES... OH GOD YES!!!!

If you don't think it's right that people have sex, that's your view, but you can't stop people from talking about, mentioning it and

outright doing it whenever they want. Sex is not a dirty word. It's the one activity which everyone in the world engages in one way or another in their lifetime. Everyone has something in common and sex is that global link. We came from sex, we think about sex and we all yearn for sex in one way or another. I would love to sink to a lower level and say that if you think sex is a bad thing, then you're not doing it right, but I won't (even though I just did).

I understand when parents don't want to hear about sex when it pertains to their own children (Hi Mom!), but not when someone tries to tell me that my publication shouldn't place a paid advertisement in all the papers one week because one person, or a group of people, believe that the entire readership of Lambda do not need to be, as they put it, "subjected to such lewd material". They must not actually look at the content of the paper. Hell, when we write about sex, we don't get any money for it, but when an advertiser pays to have something in the paper that makes people think about sex (damn the advertising business and their one-track minds), then Lambda can actually pay the bills. We've run much worse advertising including cigarette ads, beer ads and even a pro-life ad about seven years ago that depicted pictures of fetuses and children trying to scare people into keeping their un-wanted children. Lambda didn't place these ads to make a statement... we placed these ads because they paid for them. Cash... the only thing greater than sex (and new socks... I love a new pair of socks)!

I challenge this person, if they are so passionate about their anti-sex



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view, to come up with their own insert for Lambda to promote abstinence. Make sex look as bad as you want and try to scare people from even considering taking it all off and getting down and dirty. Get your insert or ad ready, make 3100 copies of it and bring it to the Lambda Office when it's ready. Just one thing... if I'm not there, or the doors locked, there's a damn good chance I'm somewhere with my boxer shorts missing, a small piece of latex wrapped snugly around my boys and there is nothing going through my head except the sheer ecstasy of the moment (and maybe baseball... quick... think about baseball).

If you want, you can ignore the fact that people have sex, but the next time you're getting it on with Mr. Right, or Mr. Right-Now, and you're at that point... you know the one, those seconds before the earth rises up and you know you're happier than anyone in the world at that exact point in time... try to think of a way to convince people to abstain then. Good luck coming up with any other words than HOLY and SHIT. Sex is our choice. It's a choice we make on a daily basis (or more) and no one can really stop us as long as we both say 'yes' and we find somewhere that people won't notice. Hey, I heard it's 100 points for sex on the Pub dance floor in this year's Corruption Quiz...

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What I've Learned In University....

by Robin Crowder
contributor

It was about this time last year that I was still a disillusioned high school student. I imagined university to be the best time of my life, a place where knowledge abounded and brains were admired. But, now that I've been here a semester, I think a little more realistically.

Yes, this school has surely given me some of the greatest times, but it has also given me a bumpy road and a lot of homesickness. Knowledge does not jump out at me from every corner, and I guess if I wanted to be brainy, I should have picked another school. But still, don't get me wrong — I have learned more here in the past 5 months than I ever thought possible. It's just ironic that most of what I have learned cannot be applied to a classroom situation...I'm always in class and I take good notes, but if you asked me what I remember from last semester, I probably couldn't tell you anything. I still can't write a proper thesis statement, I don't know the difference between an Ethernet and the internet, nor do I truly understand why people study sociology.

Most of what I have learned comes from my experience in being a "Rez Kid". I know that clothes can be stretched to the absolute limit, and that laundry only really needs to be done when you no longer have

underwear. Quarters go a long way. Sleep is often more important than food — you can't cook if you're too tired. Naps are the key to success, and even if 11:30 is the earliest class you have, it's still too early. Grilled cheese is the ultimate food and can be eaten for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Drinking is the only way to pass the weekends. You may think you drink a lot but you've never been truly intoxicated till you spend an hour puking in the bathroom and need someone to help you into bed. Having the Pub at a 10 minute walk from my bedroom is the world's greatest idea. Bedtime is never before 1am, and usually not before 2. I know that sex is not an act of love between two people, but rather a pastime for Friday and Saturday nights when you get too drunk. The term "UC Event" is a synonym for random hook-ups, and not a chance to increase residence togetherness.

However, on the more serious side of things, residence life has forced me to learn a lot about myself. I know that I am capable of being independent and taking care of only me — if something doesn't get done, there's only one person to blame. It is possible to become intimately close with people you've known for less than a year and feel as if they have always been a part of your life. By sharing a floor with people, you

share your life with them and you are all in the same boat. They see you at your best, your worst, your in between but you know that no matter what, they'll be there when you need them. I have learned to live without the support of a parent, but rather a support system of friends. It is possible to miss people you didn't even know you cared about. I can budget and save and plan my time. I can cook, do laundry and keep my room clean...sort of. I know that a dishwasher is a luxury not to be taken for granted. I have learned to balance fun and work, though sometimes the scales aren't always equal. I have come to know myself more than I ever imagined, and have changed more in the past few months than over the course of a lifetime.

So while I may be a university student who cannot necessarily claim vast amounts of newfound knowledge, a swelling in brain capacity or even a general increase in intelligence, I can surely say that I have learned a lot. The things I've learned cannot be tested through exams, essays or bell ringer quizzes. Maybe they will serve no purpose to me 20 years down the road, but then again most of my class work probably won't either. It's funny how I pay thousands of dollars in tuition a year to learn, but it's the growing up process that teaches me the most.

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Born in the 1980's? Read This!!!

Emailed Submission

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were when they were growing up, what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning uphill both ways through year 'round blizzards carrying their younger siblings on their backs to their one-room schoolhouse where they maintained a straight-A average despite their full-time after-school job at the local textile mill where they worked for 35 cents an hour just to help keep their family from starving to death!

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of crap like that on kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

Now that I've reached the ripe old age of twenty-nine, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today. You've got it so fuckin' easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a goddamned Utopia! And I hate to say it but you kids today, you don't know how good you've got it!

I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have The Internet—we wanted to know something, we had to go to the damned library and look it up ourselves!

And there was no email! We had to actually write somebody a letter—with a pen! And then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the freakin' mailbox and it would take like a week to get there!

And there were no MP3s or Napster! You wanted to steal music, you had to go to the damned record store and shoplift it yourself! Or we had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and screw it all up!

You want to hear about hardship? You couldn't just download porn! You had to bribe some homeless dude to buy you a copy of "Hustler" at the 7-11! It was

either that or stare lustfully at the lingerie section of the JC Penney catalog! Those were your options!

We didn't have fancy crap like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called, they got a busy signal! You had the option of an "Emergency Breakthrough" but after a few months of the "Emergency Breakthrough fever", you could tell the operator started hating your very existence. And we didn't have fancy Caller ID Boxes either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was: it could be your boss, your mom, a collections agent, your drug dealer—you didn't know!!! You just had to pick it up and take your chances, mister!

And we didn't have any fancy Sony Playstation videogames with high-resolution 3-D graphics! We had the Atari 2600! With games like "Space Invaders" and "Asteroids" — the graphics sucked ass! Your guy was a little square! You had to use your imagination! And there were no multiple levels or screens, it was just one screen—forever! And you could never win, the game just kept getting harder and faster until you died! Just like LIFE!

When you went to the movie theater there no such thing as stadium seating! All the seats were the same height! A tall guy sat in front of you, and you were screwed!

And sure, we had cable television, but back then that was only like 20 channels and there was no onscreen menu! You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on! Or worse yet, you had to actually look in the newspaper!

And there was no Cartoon Network! You could only get cartoons on Saturday morning... D'ya hear what I'm saying!?! We had to wait ALL WEEK, you spoiled little bastards!

That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy. You're spoiled, I swear to God! You guys wouldn't last five minutes back in 1984.

Understanding War & Racism

by Chris Bowes
contributor

Post-September 11th North America has been home to an emergence of a war initiative that promises to focus on fighting terrorism across the globe. While many people in this country have joined in and supported this initiative, there has been a collective of people that have used their voices for other purposes. These people are choosing to question the real reasons for this rallying of the troops and tightening of the borders. Across the country, new coalitions are forming that unite an anti-war and anti-racist perspective. It is important that this movement grows, and at the same time, it is also important to realize why this movement must address the issues of race and war simultaneously.

Central to the anti-war/ anti-racist movement is the ideas being expressed through the 'coalition states' and their War on Terrorism. Some of the questions that need to be asked are: who are terrorists? And more importantly, who decides who these terrorists are?

This war has made it quite clear who we should believe the terrorists are. This war is being organized against the people of the Middle-East, against the Arabs, the Hindus, Sikhs, and so on. Racism and racist stereotyping are fueling this animosity. We are being sold the ideas that our pure, innocent country is under attack because of our freedom and democracy. The irony

of this situation is that we are now being inundated with new levels of social control and being asked to revoke a number of our civil liberties through legislation passed since September 11th. Further, new security and border controls are being designed to focus on refugees and immigrants of colour. This is done because they want us to believe that outsiders produce the evil, that the terrorists are lurking amongst these immigrants and refugees, just waiting to set loose a path of destruction on our soil. At the same time we are being asked to fuel the racism that plagues our society by spying on those people who look different, and report any suspicious activities to the authorities. The police system and the criminal justice system are already corrupted with institutional racism in this country, and now they are asking us to assist them in their racial profiling and targeting of visible minorities.

This type of attitude is also fueled by the propaganda of war, designed to fill us with feelings of fear and hatred of people that are different. All this is done with the intentions of dehumanizing the enemy, or making us feel that our way of life can only be protected by the destruction of theirs. We are being asked to believe that our lives are of a higher value than the lives of people in different parts of the world.

This is the stream of consciousness that allowed us as a nation to accept the murder of innocent people in Afghanistan, the

murders that were aided by the Canadian Forces and funded by our tax dollars. The death of the innocent in Afghanistan is viewed as collateral damage in easing the minds of western society. This mentality is again being asked of us as the war mobilization now focuses on Iraq.

As long as we allow ourselves to subscribe to the notion that the 'forces of evil' are plotting against us, and that the lives of innocent people in other countries are not as valuable as ours, this senseless violence will continue. As long as we accept the fear-inspiring stories of the Arab terrorists without realizing the hysteria this myth is created in we will continue to justify our country's actions. As long as we accept that people of different race and culture threaten our way of life, we will continue to participate in these atrocities.

This is why it is important that we realize the necessity of making the connection between war and racism. We must oppose any Canadian involvement in the impending war against Iraq. This war is being constructed as a measure of defense against terrorism. In reality, though, this war has more to do with feeding the imperialist and racist notions that exist in our society. The lives of the people in the Middle East are not made better through mass bombing campaigns and destruction of the infrastructure of their country. So, once again, the question must be asked: who are the terrorists?

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This year began as a very promising year with the addition of the Regent St residents. LOCS has become one of the largest clubs at Laurentian University with nearly 200 active members. For those who are still in the dark, LOCS is the Laurentian Off-Campus Students Association. LOCS kicked off the 2002 school year with frosh week activities. These activities included a hitchhikers guide to LU, a Sunday BBQ, beach day, casino night, pub night at Peddler's Pub at which over 125 people filled the pub!

With the school year in full swing, the first school pub night found the 8 LOCS council members busy, *bustin'* a move at the Pub Downunder. The night ended as a great success, mostly in part to one dedicated and ambitious LOCS member, every body loves a candy necklace!

The year continued at a high



LOCS Members Exhausted from A Hard Day Curling

pace for all members as we partook in many of the fine activities that LU has to offer and a few of our own. These events included LOCS teams participating in many intramural sports including girl's basketball and biathlon. A Night Under the Stars was hosted in conjunction with the Sudbury Astronomy Club. Even with a near full moon, there were endless night sky spectacles to keep everyone in awe for hours. LOCS also hosted a curling tournament at the Copper Cliff Curling Club in November. A great time was had by all

involved...tiring, but great.

Things are not slowing down for 2003! A school wide hockey tournament is planned for the weekend of February 8 and 9, come out and cheer on your team and join us for the party after the games on Saturday. Also, keep an eye open for details of the year end formal, expected to be held near the end of March. A reminder to LOCS members that there is a bursary is available for YOU! E-mail us at LU-Offcampus@hotmail.com for details and information.

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This affects everyone here at the University. For those non-smokers, this is mostly good news for they will no longer have to suffer the effects of second hand smoke. For the smokers, this means a lot more hassle. Does this mean that there will be an epidemic of people wanted to kick the habit? Who knows? However, there is more than enough support for those who are willing to stop smoking.

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A Flaw in the Master Plan

by Janus Küchler
contributor

First off, my name is pronounced Yan-os, it's German. I just thought I'd get that out of the way now because I know people out there won't know how to pronounce it. Anyway, I'm sure most of you have noticed what I have noticed, little stickers all over the school speaking out against the F.T.A.A. and the Canadian military. Black marker scribbled on the advertisements for the Canadian Armed Forces in the bathrooms. This is a bold statement people. Would you like to know what these people are saying? They're gutless, cowardly vandals. You want to make a statement of some sort, but all you're accomplishing is vandalising a school who has no connection to any of these organisations, excluding the fact that these groups pay the school to advertise here thus lowering your tuition. These stickers don't come off easily, either they leave a gummy residue that collects everything that touches it, or they tear half way through making it worse. But that's not the reason I'm writing this.

The reason I'm writing this is because I want to change the face of protests forever. There is one small flaw in your technique, your tactics are too radical. During the 2nd industrial revolution in Canada there was too different forms of unions, radical and responsible. The radicals, who are you lot, gained nothing because their tactics were violent and irresponsible. Let me ask this: you want to get the attention of the people

in charge and effect some form of change right? You want them to recognise your opinions right? Well guess what: they look at you and you know what they see? Your different hair colour, piercings, and your grunge style of dressing. They look at you and see a bunch of punks who are just out to stir up some shit. Do you honestly think that by going to a protest and starting a riot you're going to get your message across? You think that by vandalising schools and office buildings people are going to respect you? You're making yourselves out to be a bunch of two-bit punks.

First of all, if you want the politicians to listen to you...change your tactics. They are wealthy, high end power mongers, you are lower to middle class working class (in some cases) shmucks. Though you think you represent the bulk of the voting population, you don't. I don't see people like my parents, or my friend's parents or my grandparents or other old people like that out there protesting and clashing with the police. Because they know that radical tactics never work. Just look at September 11th, these people did the most radical thing I've ever seen, and all it did is get them an asskicking from the most powerful country in the world. You think "oh we're making a statement." No, you're making asses of yourselves. What is accomplished after those protests? Property damage, a bunch of young idealists have been pepper sprayed and tear-gassed, some have been

roughed up by the cops and some given police records. Your ideals, the point you were trying to make has been pushed aside and forgotten because you're just a bunch of punk kids to the politicians and your opinion therefore means jack.

Everyone I know who has been involved in a protest gone wrong has tried to use the defence, "we have the freedom of peaceful assembly." A peaceful assembly is when me and my friends get together and drink ourselves to retardation on Heineken and Stella Artois. Trespassing and amassing 5 or 6 thousand people outside of a federal building borders on terrorism. You use the fear of a riot to try and push your ideas across. The instant someone slings a rock at the police or spits on an officer, the peaceful assembly is dissolved. That one yahoo who has some beef with the cops because they busted him for smoking weed or because they gave her a speeding ticket has just given the police the authority to use force. In comes the tear gas, everyone gets a taste of aerosol Mexican. I'm sick of hearing you people complain of police brutality. There's protesting, and then there's shit disturbing. Know the difference, and know that you cannot get away with one of them. As for the stickers and markers...I can't wipe away permanent marker with my hand, but if I see one of your stickers over the urinals, I'll tear it down...and piss on it, like I've been doing for the past 4 months.

Auld Lang Syne

by Matt Kent
Staff Writer

Yet another year has passed and what have we accomplished? I survived another year of my law degree, failed miserably at my plan to get laid like a champ, but succeeded in my endeavour to work out more often. Why do we make resolutions? What's the point in making a promise to do something when you don't have any intention of keeping it? Something happens to us every year that makes us do this. I blame it on the guilt of realising that another year has passed where we ignored the previous year's resolution in favour of that last piece of pizza or an extra large poutine. Keeping a resolution doesn't have to be difficult: here are a few tips to help you make yours come true.

1. Keep it simple. If you can't count the resolutions off on one hand, you're going overboard. Concentrate on one or two; if you accomplish them then pick another one. I resolved to build up my flexibility this year and hit the gym the same way I did last year.
2. Make a plan. Once you know what you want to accomplish, try to break it down into a step by step process. What I'm doing is researching a bunch of stretches on the internet, then I printed them all off and stuck them up on my wall where I can see them. Then I put a poster over my bed that says "GET UP AND STRETCH!" so I'm

motivated to do it. The reward afterwards? I'll be able to kick myself in the head like Weeman from Jackass. Why is that a reward? I don't know; it just seems like a fun goal.

3. Write it down. I already mentioned this. Put up a motivational poster or picture. If you have a computer planner thing that you can program to scream at you when it's time to do your workout or whatever, then go with that.

Now that we've covered the "how", let's take a look at the "what". What shall we resolve to do? I've already done mine, have you? Here's a list of some common resolutions. Get in shape (round isn't a good shape), be happier (whichever technique/substance you use is up to you), change careers (which will lead to the preceding resolution), save money (though being in university contradicts this), increase your productivity (I found that by adding the "stop drinking" resolution this took care of itself), less alcohol (how I'd accomplish this I don't know), be nicer (maybe I should just stay in my apartment). I'm sure you people can think of other things to do so I'll leave you with these ideas in hopes that you'll all accomplish something this year that will make you feel so proud.

Celebrity New Years Resolutions

Sandra Bullock: "I'd like to re-

discover French. When I went to school in Germany we had to take french." One question Sandra....why?

Patrick Stewart: "I'm going to struggle, like all the rest of us, not to get too scared. I read the arts page, the sports page, the business news and only when I am strong enough do I turn to the front page of the newspaper. It is just frightening." Not half as frightening as a Klingon woman on steroids!

Calista Flockhart: Limit vomiting to once in the morning, twice before bed Puff Daddy (P. Diddy, whatever): Stop shooting people, sample the 3 remaining hit songs from the 80's, and make more records with dead people.

Mariah Carey: Learn to speak proper English, increase weight-training in preparation for my cat fight with Whitney Houston, and stop my high-pitch squealing when my dog is near, it makes him play dead.

Luciano Pavarotti: Beg Pizza Hut to be a part of the Meatsa Trio. This will be my ticket to fame: shave, and stop responding to Walrus mating Calls.

* Only the first two resolutions on this list are real, I gave up after spending two hours scouring the net for real ones. Thanks to www.hogwild.net for the rest.

Activist Organizing on Campus

by Tom Billings
Contributor

I decided to write this in response to several articles published in the past few weeks in an attempt to accurately portray the state of activism on campus. To start things off a short history of activism here is in order.

By this time last year there had been several successful actions including a sleep-in outside the great hall which got comprehensive coverage on CBC radio, flushing out a debate on poverty. High tuition fees and the provincial government's unwillingness to build social housing and continuation of their funding of the shelter system despite studies that show that social housing is cheaper to maintain and is more beneficial to its occupants than the disgrace of the shelter system, particularly in Toronto. Earlier that year, there was a trip to Toronto to take part in the shut down of the economic centre of Toronto called for by the Ontario common front and the Ontario coalition against poverty. The Bay St. area was the chosen target because the Harris government (and now the Eves government) has a history of catering to the business power elite through tax cuts rather than creating a better living environment for the so called second and third class of this province. The third example of an effective action by Laurentian students is the greeting party that met Mike Harris when he came to campus. Finding out at the last minute, a small but determined group of students went to meet Mike to bring concerns of students all across the province, including asking him if he felt in any way responsible for the death of Kimberly Rodgers considering the crime she was under arrest for was not illegal until Harris came to power. We were met by heavily armed riot cops and were unsuccessful in talking directly to him.

In direct contrast to last year, there is a void on campus where activism used to be. There have been numerous events both in Toronto and in Sudbury but other than a very small group of activists there is no emphasis on political activism that take on issues covered in class, thus destroying the bridge between academia and the practical applications in the real world.

Instead of a community environment where ideas can be shared and debated, the environment on campus is a toxic one to both left-leaning thinkers and the activists that take part. The response to a growing anti-racist/anti-war movement has been both structured and negative. Treating people who care about the lives of others enough to take action like criminals is pathetic. Reaction to disciplined and effective protest by both the school security force and this paper has done nothing but marginalize legitimate dissent on campus. At the armed forces demonstration there was a reporter present but instead of an article being written the paper waited until someone wrote in with a right wing point of view to acknowledge that the

event even happened.

In an attempt to take the debate above the he said she said crap this is the reason some people were there, I was there to resist: economic sanctions on Iraq, imperialism and the wars that sustain it, the illegal detentions both in Cuba and in the United States, the suppression of civil rights to dissent, increased deportations, and money spend on war and death rather than curing disease and helping those in abject poverty. If our Canadian state supports all of the above stated forms of oppression and supports the US in there orwellian named "operation enduring freedom" through our military there will be more protests.

On campuses at Guelph, Waterloo, Ryerson, and York there is a space for political activism (I am sure there are more but these are the only ones I have either been to or interacted with activists there) just look at the Campus.ca magazine and you can see what is happening at Concordia in Montreal. At schools all over Canada there are vibrant activist communities flourishing it is too bad that Laurentian is so set on staying out of this beneficial trend by utilizing structures within itself like its security force, this paper, and an inactive student association to do so.

Editor's Response to the above article... because I'm not waiting on this one!!!

I'm glad that someone tried to portray an accurate view of activism here in Lambda, but I am sad to say that Tom decided to embellish and even make up a few facts as it pertains to Lambda, thus forcing me to make this addition to his article.

At the armed forces demonstration there was never a Lambda reporter present, since we don't have any. This 'ghost reporter' that Tom speaks of must have only existed in his mind as we never sent a reporter to the demonstration or had one report to us afterwards. We did not know that the demonstration was even taking place until after the event happened.

The fact that the first article was a Right-Wing opinion piece was the fact that this was the first person to actually go to their computer and write about it. Everyone else was just too busy, including Mr. Billings.

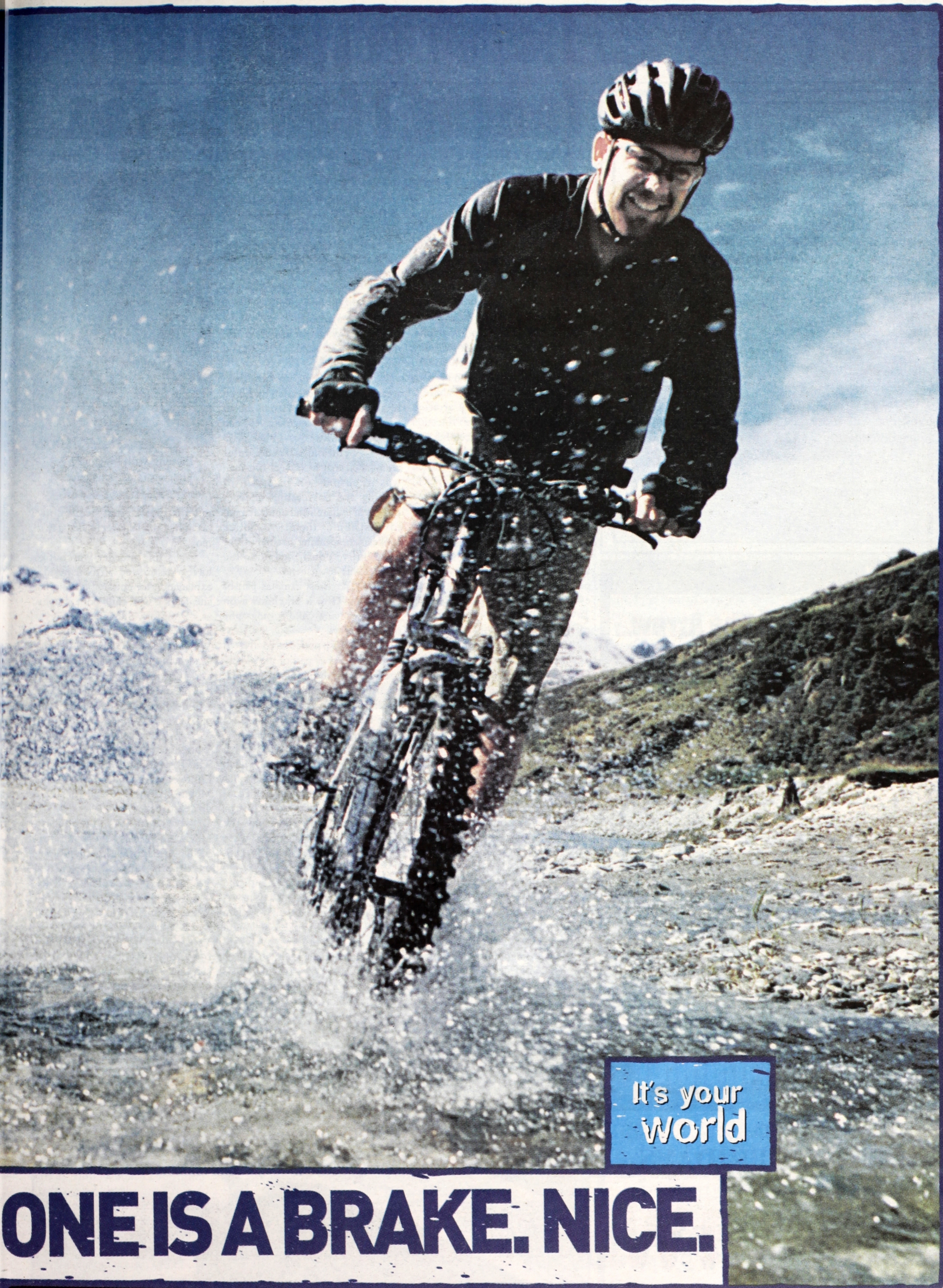
As for Lambda staying out of the so-called 'trend' towards student activism (and we aren't the type who like to follow trends like sheep), we are a Student Newspaper which reports on the news as a newspaper should...unbiased. That is the reason that this page, the Opinion Page, is set up. Students can rant and rave all they want and lean as far left or right as they want. It's called an opinion, just like the preceding article.

Will you ever see Lambda in one of these 'trendy' protests that Mr. Billings writes about? Only for the reason to write an unbiased news report on it if we deem it necessary. Lambda is not an activist paper as we are here for ALL the students, not just the 'trend setters'.



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The Complex

by Michael Gillison

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No nights as clear in my mind as this,
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Wishing to be a cloud of vapors rising on exhalation,
My head is hung in desperation.
I hate that park, I hate that lot, I hate the feeling the
night had brought.
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If time could be erased.
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Tommy, I Can See You...

The Who's Pete Townshend Is Arrested in Porn Case

by Ed Johnson

<http://www.news.yahoo.com>

Pete Townshend, the legendary rock guitarist and co-founder of The Who, was arrested Monday on suspicion of possessing indecent images of children, police said.

Townshend has acknowledged using an Internet Web site advertising child pornography, but said he was not a pedophile and was only doing research for an autobiography dealing with his own suspected childhood sexual abuse.

Police said they arrested Townshend, 57, under the Protection of Children Act after executing two searches at a business and a home in Richmond, Surrey, the town outside London where he lives. They said they took computers from the home and were examining them.

Townshend was not charged with a crime. Under British law, suspects are not charged immediately upon arrest and some people who are arrested are eventually released without charge. Townshend was being held at a southwest London police station.

In a statement on Saturday, Townshend said that on one occasion he used a credit card to download pornographic images as part of his research and that he reported what he saw to police.

Townshend, who helped form The Who in the early 1960s, said he believed he was "sexually abused between the age of five and six and a half."

"I cannot remember clearly what happened, but my creative work tends to throw up nasty shadows — particularly in 'Tommy.' Some of the things I have seen on the Internet have informed my book, which I hope will be published later this year," he added.

The title character in Townshend's rock opera "Tommy" — a deaf, dumb and blind pinball wizard — is sexually abused by an uncle.

Earlier Monday, a group of police officers arrived at Townshend's Richmond home, one carrying a plastic crate containing packaging to store potential evidence.

His lawyer John Cohen told reporters the meeting with police was by "mutual agreement."

"We approached the police this morning and said that we should meet," he said.

Townshend, unshaven and wearing a black jacket, left his house by a side entrance at 7:20 p.m., about four hours after police arrived, and was driven away.

Scotland Yard later announced that a 57-year-old man was in custody on suspicion of making and possessing indecent images of children and of incitement to distribute them. A police spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the suspect was Townshend.

The arrest came as part of Operation Ore, a crackdown on people who view child pornography on the Internet.

British police have arrested 1,300 suspects as part of the sweep, including a judge, magistrates, dentists, doctors and a deputy school headmaster. Fifty police officers also have been arrested, and eight have been charged with offenses.

Operation Ore is the British arm of an FBI-led operation which traced 250,000 suspected pedophiles around the world through credit card details they used to pay for downloading child pornography. The names of British suspects were passed on to police here by U.S. investigators.

Townshend's friend, the model Jerry Hall, said Sunday he was an "avid supporter" of child welfare groups and had spoken at length about the dangers of child pornography on the Internet.

Daltrey, Townshend's bandmate from The Who, said: "My



Playing with his guitar got boring for Townshend...

gut instinct is that he is not a pedophile and I know him better than most."

But Internet watchdogs have dismissed Townshend's explanation for entering an Internet site dealing with child pornography.

Mark Stephens, a lawyer and vice chairman of the Internet Watch Foundation said: "It is wrong-headed, misguided and illegal to look at or download or even to pay to download pedophilic material and if you do so, you are likely to go to prison."

Townshend was one of The Who's four founding members, along with bassist John Entwistle, singer Daltrey and drummer Keith Moon. Moon died in 1978 and Entwistle died last year.

The group, founded in London in the early 1960s, was part of the British rock invasion along with the Rolling Stones and the Beatles. Their parade of hits included "I Can See For Miles," "Pinball Wizard," and "Won't Get Fooled Again."

The Who has been known for explosive shows that often culminated in the smashing of their musical instruments on stage.

Nasty E-Mail of the Week



Arts & Entertainment

Doc's Battle Royale - Round 1

by John 'Doc' Livingstone
Contributor

Hello and welcome to Lambda's first ever "Versus" contest. After talking to a few friends, over a few pints, we decided to pit a number of assorted objects against each other to see which one would come out on top and be crowned number one at Laurentian. Confused? Don't worry so are we. What's at stake? Nothing more than the pride and reputations of a few people, places and things.

We've selected sixteen competitors over eight categories and it's up to you, the reader, to decide which comes out on top. The rules are simple:

- (1) For each match we'll provide you with some background on the participants, their skills and the match;
- (2) Email us at LAMBDA_ARTS@YAHOO.COM with your pics for the winners of each match
- (3) Lambda will tally the votes and announce the winners of each battle in next week's Lambda;
- (4) In the following issue the competitors will go onto the next round, continuing to eliminate competitors from the competition until we are left with only the champion;
- (5) The refs decisions are final.

Match #1 Bars: The Pub Downunder V. Cactus Pete's

Hey, the SGA Pub Downunder versus anywhere, 'nuff said. I'm sure you'll make the right choice here. But just in case you're not sure I've got three things to say to you. First off, the Pub got rid of that terrible old DJ that just wouldn't go away. Man, I was getting sick of that guy never playing the Britney I requested. I mean, uh... Thompson's great... wooooo Mat! Secondly, it's the SGA's Pub Downunder, and those guys rock! Yep, I sure do love the SGA and all the cool stuff they do for students, especially the Vice President Issues. His name escapes me right now, but he is one super guy! It's a wonder he's single, wink, wink, nudge, nudge. Third, and finally, at the Pub you'll never, with the possible exception of alumni weekend, hear yourself saying this, "You 're how old?! Well look at the time, I've gotta go."

Match #2 Animals: A Polar Bear V. A Flock of Geese

This one is a tough call, it could really go either way. Sure, the polar bear is huge but the geese can fly. The geese have that whole death from above thing working for them and unlike other geese are good swimmers so the polar bear couldn't retreat into water. The other advantage held by the geese is their superior numbers. Even if the polar bear can take down five or six geese there's still like ten more read to pounce on his unprotected hindquarters and hamstring the polar bear. Thus leaving it unable to move about and defend itself. Then the polar bear would be right where the geese want it, ripe for the picking.

Match #3 Universities: Laurentian V. U of T

The home we all know and love, sort of, pitted against those spoiled sons of... I hate that place with the fire of a thousand suns. All the kids at U of T living it up in Toronto with their "Gaps" and their "Starbucks" and their "having more than one movie theatre." U of T symbolizes all that stupid yuppie crap that us Northerners can't stand. Just because they're bigger, more respected, older, have more money and are located in Canada's largest urban centre doesn't mean they're better than us. Let's crush those stuck up Toronto bastards like four University College students splitting a starving student special! Man, I hate Toronto!

Match #4 Childhood Memories: The Fraggles V. Mr. Dressup

Ahhh... the good 'O' days of CBC, why did I ever have want grow-up? Now on the surface this match seems fairly easy to call. I mean, everyone knows and loves Mr. Dressup. That coupled with the sheer size difference between him and the Fraggles clearly gives the advantage to Mr. Dressup. So who would vote against him? I'll tell you who: communists. That's right, those pinko bastards always support weak individuals gaining strength in numbers and destroying a powerful individual. Even with Casey and Finnegan Mr. Dressup will be badly outnumbered in this match. The combined power of the Fraggles and Doozers may be just enough to overcome the magic of the Tickle Trunk. That which tips the scales may be the Fraggles named "Doc." After all, who can stand before the power of Doc?

Match #5 Alcohol: Alcool V. Warm Northern

The alternative name for this match: Evil in a Bottle versus Evil in a can. Anyone who has tried either of these deadly liquids can attest to the veracity of the second title. I still stand by my original assumption from my frosh year; alcool is nothing more than isopropal alcohol. Not a science student? Let me explain; remember grade ten science? That crazy alcohol that you burned and if you spilled it on your lab bench/partner it/they would still smell like alcohol three days later? Well, apparently you can drink it and not go blind. Not that I'm saying warm Northern is by comparison any better. It is hard think of a more putrid, toxic and disgusting liquid

than Northern warmed to about thirty degrees. This is one of the few matchups where we can actually pit the participants against each other, although I wouldn't recommend that anyone actually try it. Unless you like to punish yourself; in which case go right a head and have fun passing out.

Match #6 Decades: 80's V. 90's

Take this battle any way you want. There are so many categories, you can rate each decade overall, or just pick your favorite ones. Television shows: The Cosby Show versus The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. Video games: Atari 2600 versus Sega Genesis. Music: Hair Bands versus Grunge. Cartoons: Thunder Cats versus Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Movies: Return of the Jedi versus Titanic. Computers: Commodore 64 versus IBM. Television Stations: Much Music versus VH1. And on and on and on...

Match #7 Vehicles: The Millennium Falcon V. '67 Shelby Mustang GT 500

Here you go, the ultimate muscle car verses the coolest of the cool in film. Now, I know what you're thinking, "Laser turret's and hyper drive, that Falcon is going to win hands down." However, you have to remember this is a '67 Mustang. Granted the Falcon can complete the Kesle Run in only a few parsecs, I know the day this hits the stands Captain Star Wars next door will give me the exact quote, but it's a freakin' '67 Mustang! I mean, really, what vehicle can hope to compete with a '67 Shelby Mustang? That's right, none. Case closed, it's over thanks for showing up, Han.

Match #8 Moms Doc's mom V. Your Mom

That's right, my mom against your mom. Why not? My mom is an Alberta farm girl who married into the military; if that isn't a sign of how tough she is I don't know what is. She was in Germany when the wall came down and currently resides in east-end Hamilton. I don't know how many of you have been to the east-end... don't. There is nothing there except the shadiest characters in Hamilton and my parents. So what's you're mom got on my mom? Nothing, your mom should just back out gracefully before she receives the thrashing of a life time.

Below is the first round of the tournament:

The Pub Downunder _____
Cactus Pete's _____

A Polar Bear _____
Flock of Geese _____

Laurentian University _____
University of Toronto _____

The Fraggles _____
Mr Dressup _____

Doc's Battle Royale

ROUND 1

_____ Alcool
_____ Warm Northern

_____ The 1980's
_____ The 1990's

_____ The Millennium Falcon
_____ '67 Shelby Mustang GT 500

_____ Doc's Mom
_____ Your Mom

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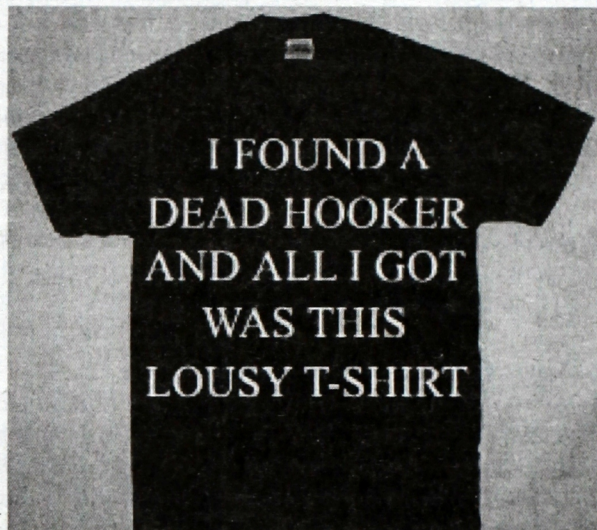
The Diary of RabidSquirrel

Thursday, January 09, 2003

Supervillainous Etiquette and the Lack Thereof

Some Evil Geniuses Just Have No Manners

So there I was, attempting to translate the classic French play, "A Boy and His Baguette, Part IV: A Tale of Earth-Shatteringly Hideous People", when the Psychic Eyeball walks into the room, wearing this shirt:



I tried to discourage him from wearing it when the Floating Head of Zog brings his date, FrankenHooker and her sister, Betty, over for dinner, but to no avail. The Psychic Eyeball insisted that he "had earned the right to wear that shirt," and that was that. Hey, I wasn't going to ask.

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

And You Thought It Was About Oil You Stupid, Stupid Fool P.S. Have a Pepsi

Since no culture - regardless of how horrible or much they like Jerry Lewis - should be denied the opportunity to speak about Pepsi, I decided to send out the Floating Head of Zog overseas to get a feel for the global state of Carbonated Beverages, to meet new and interesting people, and to steal their pants.

After attempting to gain the confidence of the locals of Afghanistan through the use of some horrendously failed but decidedly wacky hijinks involving the Mujahideen, women's clothing, and a rather saucy nightclub act that somehow resulted in the destruction of eight donkeys, a llama, and the local Af-Ghap: Clothing for the Trendy and Hideously Oppressed retail outlet, Zog rather unfortunately lost the ability to ask questions (P.S. if anybody knows of his whereabouts, please let me know, and I'll do my best to reward you with various types of glue).

As a result, I was forced to hit the Global Cola Archives, where an intrepid reporter once managed to get this out of a few locals in Afghanistan:

"The Americans love Pepsi Cola, but we love death."

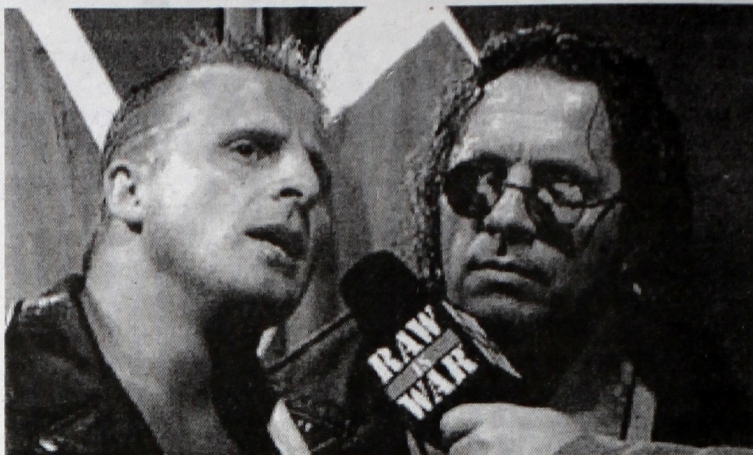
Of course, this was said in September of last year, prior to the savage bombing laid upon them by the Purveyors of Pepsi in the Great Cola War of '01. Now, they love Death AND Pepsi. It's the best of both worlds!

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Arts & Entertainment

1, 2, 3, Pin Me...Pay Me

by Hugh Panelas
A&E Editor



After a decade in the making, the WWE put together what they promised to be a show of memories to reward the fans for their loyal support. The RAW 10th Anniversary has had fans talking since the Retro RAW moments have been airing this past December. I must say that after all of the hype and having my hopes so high I was very disappointed with the show. Here are some of the reasons why.

First of all, the show got started off on a sour note. The Diva of the Decade Award went to Trish Stratus. What about the others she was up against, Sable and Chyna? Sable played a very important role for the women of the WWF. It was her appeal with all of the fans which really put the Women's Division back on the map. It was Sable that got the attention of the world when she posed for Playboy and if I am not mistaken, it was one of the biggest-selling issues of all time. Sable single-handedly put the women back on the map in the WWF. Chyna also played a very important role. She was able to succeed greatly in an industry that is dominated by men. With her size and ability she was able to capture titles both on the women's and men's side of the federation. She too even posed for Playboy which brought even more attention to the women of the WWF. Both Sable and Chyna are responsible for putting a little respect into the Women's Title and they both paved the way for the Divas of today.

The Tell Me I Just Didn't See That Award was handed out to Mick Foley for his portrayal of three characters. Sure, this might seem like a well-deserved award but how did the WWE overlook the significance of the Vince McMahon/Eric Bischoff hug? Both of these two men went head-to-head for years in the sports entertainment industry and they join forces together and the reward for most shocking moment goes to an untalented wrestler? Does anyone remember how it was really Bischoff that changed the WWF? He was the man that was announcing RAW's main event winners at the beginning of Nitro's broadcast. That forced McMahon to make RAW a live show. It was Bischoff that was stealing the household names that Vince created by paying them a lot of money for less time. On the other side, it was McMahon that was openly bashing WCW and Bischoff on TV and Pay Per Views. Does anyone remember the Huckster and the Nacho Man? The fact that these two men were able to put aside their past and work together for the future of the WWE is outstanding and should show to fans that we are in store for a lot of great things from the WWE.

The Best Mic Kills Award should definitely have gone to the Rock. I will never disagree with the talent that he poses with the mic, but I will refute how he carries himself. I feel that his actions should be accounted for. How inappropriate was it for him to turn just plain raunchy on such a special occasion? And how inappropriate was it for him to insult Stephanie McMahon like he did? I'm just glad that she laughed it off. I honestly felt that he was given

too much time to bore the crowd and he did as they began chanting "boring". The Rock was completely tasteless and the WWE should rethink their strategy as far as he goes.

The Network Difficulties Award went to Mae Young for her birth of a hand. While that was rather disgusting and disturbing I'm not sure that it was really worthy of the award considering it was up against the Brian Pillman gun segment. That segment alone sums up what all of the critics have been complaining about since the WWF/E went mainstream. How does an old woman giving birth to a hand get this award? I'm sure that the network executives had a much harder time with the gun incident.

The RAW Superstar of a Decade does certainly deserve to belong to Stone Cold Steve Austin. It was Austin that led the charge to take back the ratings. I know that Bret Hart played a major role in Austin's success. If Bret never agreed to become a heel and never put Austin over, who knows what we would be watching right now. But let's face it: Austin's character is what appealed to the blue-collared workers all over North America. He got to mess around with his boss just like all of us have dreamed about. It was his t-shirts that broke all of Hogan's records. It was Austin that was the figure of WWF Attitude. Sure, he had some help along the way, but if you ask people what they remember about the late 1990's, it will be Stone Cold Steve Austin. The only real problem with the award falling on Austin is the problems as of late. It was nice to see that the WWE can overlook the personal problems of Steve Williams and that they can acknowledge what he has done for them but I for one absolutely loved how Vince McMahon addressed Stone Cold's absence. In one simple statement, McMahon announced that "he wasn't invited." It was a rather bold statement but it had to be made in order to kill all of the return rumors.

As far as the Greatest Match Award goes I would have to admit that it should go to TLC 2002 but only because of the other matches that it was up against. I really didn't like the choices that were made for the category. I can't think of any off of the top of my head but I am sure that out of the hundreds of matches in the past 10 years they could've found something a little better. The TLC match was fantastic but it wasn't all that special because it has been done too many times. That definitely took away from the award.

Once again WWE fans' hearts

were tugged when the Owen Hart Tribute Show was mentioned during the broadcast. I was quickly rushed back to that night and all of the emotion that was evident the day after his death. It was a very damn hard RAW to watch back then and just to see some of the clips made everything rush back. It makes me think that what these people do to entertain us is more than just that. They are in fact putting their lives on the line every time they step into the ring and at any given second that can be taken away. It's a harsh reality but it's the truth and sometimes the truth hurts. Every once in a while it is good to keep things like this in mind. Owen paid the biggest price of them all doing what he loved and to keep us smiling.

What really got under my skin is how the fans voted the Austin Beer Truck incident the greatest RAW moment of the past 10 years. That moment had no impact on the lives of the wrestlers and certainly no impact on any of the fans around the world. The fans that voted for that moment surely live in a dream world and are afraid to face the cold reality that a man died and no matter what anyone says or does it will never be forgotten. I honestly think that the WWE didn't want to end the show on a low point. As my sources have said, the Owen Hart Tribute Show was the leading vote-getter for most of the campaign.

All in all, I was disappointed with how many past stars didn't show up for the event. I have heard two different sides of the story. One side claims that the WWE didn't try very hard to get past talent to come, and I have also heard that the past talent didn't want to come because of the way that their relationships ended. In any case it would have been nice to see some old faces in person. I honestly thought that the best parts of the show were shown in the video vignettes that were put together.

The thing that absolutely drove me nuts was how every WWE superstar remained in character for the show. Again, for something of this magnitude it would have been more appropriate to see the performers as themselves. The only people that really stood out as being real were Edge and Ric Flair, though Flair's character came back as Triple H left the World.

Hopefully the next Anniversary show will be much better. Any guess as to when it will be? How about next year? Remember it will be the 20th installment of WrestleMania. Get ready New York and particularly Madison Square Gardens: WrestleMania is coming home.

DVD Easter Eggs

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The question is why are they called DVD Easter eggs? To put it very simply on Easter morning as a kid you'd run around your house searching for the eggs that the Easter bunny had apparently left behind. Well DVD Easter eggs are hidden features that can be found on most DVDs. www.dvdeasterereggs.com is a web site that holds the secrets for many DVDs that are out on the market.

Alien

From the main menu highlight "Extra Features" and then press the left arrow key to highlight the left window. Press "Enter" and you will see the production credits for this DVD.

Now highlight "Scene Selections" from the main menu and press the right arrow key to highlight the other window. If you press "Enter" now, you will see the flight plans of the Nostromo and extensive crew information.

Finally, go to the "Extra Features" submenu and arrow down until you highlight the acid puddle at the bottom of the screen. If you press "Enter" now you will be able to see Kane's transmission of the alien's lifecycle.

American Psycho

Go to "Extras". Press the "Up" button and then "Enter". Now you can test yourself with two hidden games.

Austin Powers: The Spy That Shagged Me

From the disc's main menu, go to the special features section. Watch Austin do his little shtick and don't touch anything. After about one minute, Dr. Evil's space ship will come by, leaving the Evil symbol behind. Click on the symbol and you'll be treated to a number of features, including a 20-minute Comedy Central special.

Scroll down and highlight the new line logo then press enter to see the DVD thanks.

Austin Powers: Goldmember

Go to the screen with Goldmember's belt and press the right button and click on his belt for a new menu.

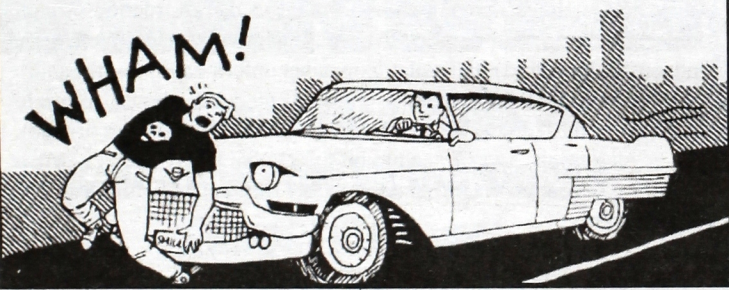
On the main menu, go to the New Line Cinema logo in the corner of and hit select. There will be some credits of production studios.

Army of Darkness: The Director's Cut

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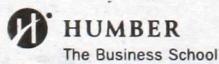
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Entertainment Squirts

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A&E Editor

Well **Lord of the Rings** fans were disappointed this past weekend when another movie that topped the box office. Sadly, the new romantic comedy starring Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy "Just Married" did a surprisingly \$18 million in three days. Why is that so surprising? Looking past the fact that I didn't hear anyone express any interest in seeing it, the film's budget was around \$18 million and they made every penny back. LOTR fans should not hang their heads though as the 26-day total for the **Two Towers** rose to \$283.6 million, closing in fast on the \$313 million that **The Fellowship of the Ring** did.

HBO is getting ready to end two of its ground breaking TV shows; Sex in the City and The Sopranos. The latest shocker is that Sex in the City is not going to be continued after its sixth season and the last episode will be on air early next year. Don't worry ladies, you'll be able to get each season on DVD soon enough. As for the Sopranos, it will be gone next year but HBO is hoping to convince creator David Chase to work for one more year.

In shocking news, this past weekend Maurice Gibbs of the Bee Gees died of a heart attack. He was admitted into hospital to have surgery on an intestinal blockage but died

before the surgery could ever take place. At this time there are no future plans for the Bee Gees and the other two remaining brothers.

Has everyone heard how friends and family of Christina Aguilera are all upset and shocked about her behavior? Hmm, let's examine some of her recent behavior. First of all she has stopped acting like a little sweet pure virgin and has been parading around clubs in tight low-cut pants and revealing t-shirts. She has admitted to having almost every part imaginable pierced (lucky piercing guy) and on her birthday and during the following few days was seen drunk and appearing to not have any control over her actions. What's the problem? It sounds like she's acting like anyone else that is her age is currently acting. All that she is doing is having fun and we all know that she has the money to do it. Hell, what 22ish year old doesn't go out and get bombed? I can name a few that do it regularly. Just because she used to be all innocent in the public eye doesn't mean that she wasn't doing these things before. Besides, it sells more CDs and magazines to horny young boys.

Rumors are flying around about Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears once again. Apparently the two were seen leaving a New York night club together and then were



Christina's not a Crack Whore...
No One's Seen Her Do Drugs?

spotted arriving at Britney's newly renovated condo. The question is who really cares? He already is the stupidest male on the planet for breaking up with her in the first place. Then again, maybe he is redeeming himself and is just in town getting a little wet for old times sake.

It is quite possibly the most inappropriate book ever to hit shelves ever. A children's book called "I Can Fly" is about to hit stores everywhere and it is an illustrated biography on R.Kelly. Apparently the book is aimed at readers from ages 6-9 and teaches children many important lessons on self-esteem and hard work. It is supposed to be a tale of how R.Kelly made it from his street woes to a big time music star. Conveniently they left out the part where he has been charged with 21 counts of kiddie porn and now faces up to 15 years in jail. Who said that this book was a good idea?

Horoscopes from the Bar

Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Apparently those dancing lessons that Mom and Dad got you for Christmas haven't come through for you. You still look like the white boy that you are with two left feet. It doesn't matter how many Nelly videos you watch, nothing can help you pick up on the dance floor this week.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Staying in REZ and drinking with your buddies seems to be the best thought for you. Your idea of getting so drunk that every female/male in the Pub will look so hot will certainly backfire on you. You don't want to wake up in the morning in some stranger's bed covered in chocolate sauce.

Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 17

Be kind to your friend and tell them that the shirt that they have on is indeed much too small for them. Suggest something more like the garbage bag that you have under your kitchen sink as that should be the closest thing to skin tight that they should ever put on.

Pisces

Feb. 18 - Mar. 19

Always follow this rule, if they are to big to fit into your jeans then you don't want into theirs. Never forget that one.

Aries

March 20 - April 19

It's a good thing that your OSAP hasn't come in because you are more than likely going to be that person to buy all the shots for everyone in the bar in a sad attempt to gain a few friends. Heed the warnings, stay away from the bar because the only thing that you are going to get is a bunch of fake phone numbers... and genital warts!!!

Taurus

April 20 - May 19

Get to the bar nice and early and pick a table close to the dance floor. That way picking up the drunken people that stumble off during a bad song won't be such an effort. Remember, this is easier as bad songs are common in The Pub this year.

Gemini

May 20 - June 20

If you order a gross shot to prove how tough of a drinker you are make sure that you haven't had too much to drink before hand. Puking on that person that you are trying to get with isn't going to help your case. Nor is the funky breath that comes along with it.

Cancer

June 21 - July 21

Try to make a name for yourself. Have the bartender pour hot Nacho Sauce over your head then let the guy/girl of your dreams throw nachos at you and see if they stick. Everyone loves Crazy Nacho Head.

Leo

July 22 - Aug. 22

Deodorant will be your best friend. Have you ever wondered why people walk away from you when you are out on the dance floor? It's because you stink, showering also involves getting out the pit-stick afterwards. Fix the B.O. and be led into the promise land.

Virgo

Aug 23 - Sept. 21

When you are deciding what to wear out tonight try and think of something unique. Having a gimmick that will make you stand out from the rest and be remembered will be an asset. May I suggest a pair of sunglasses? Everyone remembered the Unibomber didn't they!

Libra

Sept. 22 - Oct. 22

Be cautious of the night that you choose to go out. Only one of them will work out for you. All of the others will be disastrous, you will lose a friend, you won't get any action and to boot you'll probably be asked to leave after it all blows up in your face. So remember, bite the bouncer on the way out.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Have fun. This is your week to let go and to not care about anything. You know that cute guy/girl that you have been eyeing in the bar for the last little while? Go up tot hem and tell them "I shave my back hair and I keep it in a baggie in the freezer."

Movie Nitpicks

Hugh Panelas
A&E Editor

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers has gone on to become the biggest movie of the year at the box office. It also has gone on to become one of the most nitpicked movies of the year. Head out to www.nitpickers.com to find out many more faults in this movie.

1. When the Riders of Rohan slaughter the Orcs that had kidnapped Merry and Pippin, you see Pippin crawling away from the action. He has his hands tied with rope. A horse rears up above him and suddenly his hands are no longer tied (he spreads his arms apart). Then (as shown in a flashback) Pippin rolls away from the horse and crawls off, hands bound once again, and cuts the rope off on a sword.

2. During the battle of Helm's Deep the women and children are shown hiding out until the battle is over. The camera focuses in on one child twice during this scene who was a hobbit child in the beginning of Fellowship of the Ring when Bilbo is telling his story, but is now supposed to be a child from Rohan.

3. In a scene where they are retreating from the battlement in the battle of Helms Deep, Legolas is seen moving his hand to draw an arrow from his quiver but doesn't grab anything. He draws his string then an arrow appears and gets fired.

4. When Saruman tells the orc to "send out your Warg riders," you can see the orc verbally respond to him but whatever he said has been edited out for some reason. You see his mouth moving as if speaking and then there's a close-up of his "smile" but there's no sound.

5. When Merry and Pippin have been dumped on the ground by the Urik Hai, the orcs start chopping down the trees to make a fire. Merry is telling Pippin about the trees near the shire. At this point Merry is on the left and Pippin is on the right. But when the camera cuts and then goes back to them they are now opposite each other

6. When Eowyn is talking to Grima Wormtongue her hair is completely straight, after fleeing from the room she stands outside and her hair is curly. Throughout the movie her hair also changes from straight to curly.

7. Near the end when Gandalf and the Rohirrim ride up to save the men of Rohan, the sun is behind Gandalf and the riders. If you look at the Orcs and Uruk-Hai that are sent to laughter the men their shadows are pointing towards where the sun is supposedly rising.

8. When Gimli, Aragorn, Legolas and Gandalf all come out of Fangorn forest Gandalf calls out for his horse Shadowfax. There is a shot of him standing side-on to the camera and if you look at his feet you can see very clearly that he is wearing sneakers.

Mat's Lord of The Rings nitpick is..

"It's not real! There are no Hobbits and Sam dies in the end. Deal with it. Go outside and get some sun! I hate this movie!"

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By Robert Roy Britt
www.Space.com

Bidding on eBay began yesterday for a night of observing at Hawaii's Keck Observatory with famed planet hunter Geoff Marcy. The opening bid: \$12,500.

The ultimate top bidder will have all expenses paid for two, including travel from a major U.S. city and four nights accommodations in Hawaii. The guests will spend one night in the Keck control room with Marcy, who co-leads the world's most prolific planet hunting team responsible for discovering dozens of worlds around other stars. Marcy will also join the winners for dinner.

The auction is a fundraising and promotional effort arranged by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP). Bidding runs through 9 a.m. PST on Jan. 23.

"Unless you are a real research astronomer, you just never have the opportunity to actually spend time in a major observatory's control room, let alone with one of the world's best-known astronomers during a night of real research," said Michael Bennett, the ASP's executive director.

Bennett told SPACE.com he's banking on the desire of amateur astronomers -- some of whom are prone to traveling widely to observe eclipses and meteor showers -- to make the auction a success.

Bidding might ramp up in the final moments of the auction, Bennett figures, but he won't guess how high it might go.

"When we came up with this idea we had no idea if anyone would really bid on a night at Keck with a well-known astronomer," Bennett said. "When people started suggesting this was the amateur astronomer's version of a ride on the space station, we began to get hopeful. But I still have simply no idea how high the bidding might go."

The present bid (the minimum allowed) would result in a modest success, assuming the bid is legitimate. Proceeds will support the ASP's nationwide astronomy education efforts, which include a free newsletter for teachers. The society will also donate 5 percent of the top bid to the amateur astronomy club of the winner's choice.

"The auction is a great way to contribute to the ASP's programs that build science literacy, inspire kids and nurture the next generation of scientists and astronomers," Marcy said.

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North Atlantic shark populations have declined by more than 50 percent in the past 15 years, with some species approaching the point of no return due to relentless fishing pressure and scant international efforts to protect the toothy ocean predator, researchers say.

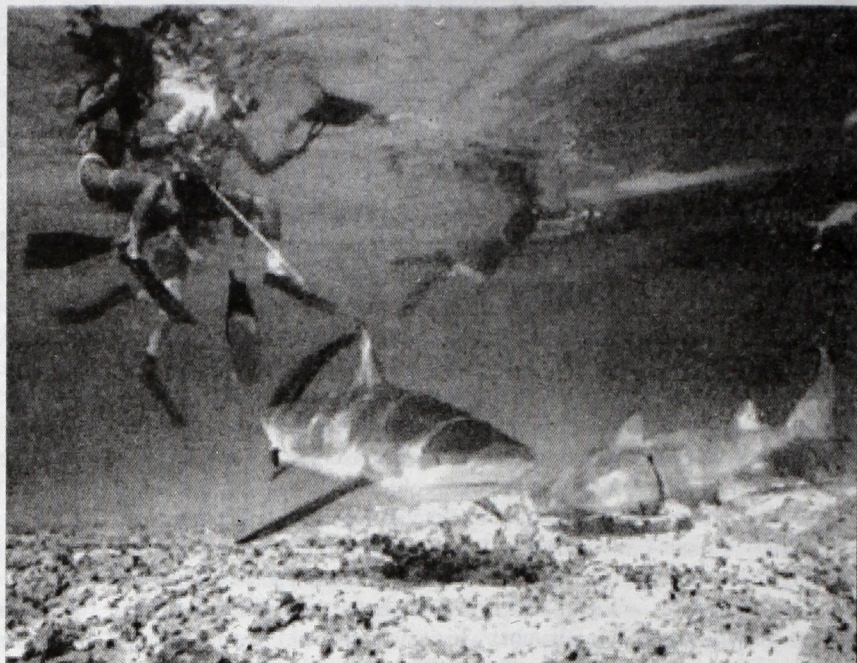
A study in Friday's issue of the journal *Science* found that longline fishermen harvesting tuna and swordfish from the Atlantic and adjacent waters are killing huge numbers of hammerhead, great white, tiger and thresher sharks. This is consistent with other studies suggesting a decline in shark numbers in all of the world's oceans.

A team of researchers at Dalhousie University analyzed the logbooks of longline fishing fleets from 1986 to 2000 and found a sharp drop in the number of sharks killed while harvesting tuna and swordfish.

"We estimate that all recorded shark species, with the exception of makos, have declined by more than 50 percent in the past eight to 15 years," the researchers found.

"This is a worldwide phenomenon," said Ransom A. Myers, a professor of biology at Dalhousie and a co-author of the study. "There are only a few areas in the world where we have good data, but wherever we do, they show the same thing -- the shark is in serious decline."

The study found that hammerhead sharks declined by 89 percent in the Atlantic, while tiger sharks were reduced by 65 percent, blue sharks by 60 percent and threshers by about 80 percent. The trend for great white sharks, the famed predator in the movie "Jaws," is a decline by about 79 percent. The study found that in at least two fishing areas, no great white has been recorded since the early 1990s.



North Atlantic shark populations have declined by more than 50 percent in the past 15 years, with some species approaching the point of no return due to relentless fishing pressure and scant international efforts to protect them. In an underwater photograph, snorkelers swim as sharks eye them up for a crunchy little snack. (AP Photo / Tim Calver)

Myers said the shark is particularly threatened by intense fishing pressure because the animal cannot quickly replace its lost numbers.

"They are like humans," he said. "They take a long time to mature and have relatively few babies. The bigger sharks have only about four pups a year. That makes them more vulnerable than other fish species."

Although sharks in some parts of the world are targets of fishermen, in the North Atlantic they fall victim to fleets seeking other types of catch.

"The hammerheads concentrate in exactly the same places where the fleets fish for tuna and swordfish so they are hit because they are at the wrong place at the wrong time," said Myers. The sharks routinely feed on the herring and squid commonly used for bait by the longliner fishermen, he said, so catching sharks is just a routine part of fishing for the other species.

Myers said sharks could be protected by changing the commercial fishing patterns. For instance,

some of the sharks migrate along set paths at specific times of the year. Prohibiting fishing during those periods in the migration areas could reduce the by-catch of sharks, he said.

Also, establishing refuges where all fishing was forbidden would give sharks, along with other fish, a safe haven where they could feed and reproduce safely. This eventually would mean bigger catches for the fishing fleets, said Myers, and protection for the sharks.

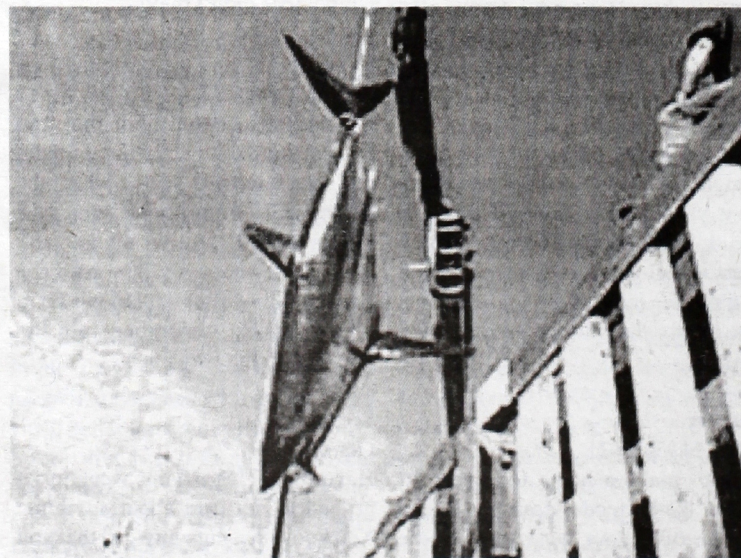
"The shark is declining now, there is no reason to believe they would not recover if we fished in a responsible manner," he said.

The United States now forbids harvesting of shark fins for shark fin soup, a favorite in Asia, but longline fleets from Spain and Japan continue to harvest, said Myers. In a recent meeting of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of the United Nations (news - web sites), Japan, a major shark-consuming nation with a vast fishing fleet, led a successful effort to defeat proposals that called for protection of two shark species.

David O. Conover, a professor at the Marine Sciences Research Center at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, and an expert on fisheries, said the Dalhousie study shows "a particularly clear and compelling example where a group of species that are by-catch in commercial fishing are suffering a decline that has gone unrecorded."

Conover said the shark is at the top of the food chain in the ocean and if that species were to be wiped out by overfishing it could disrupt the entire ecosystem of the oceans.

"We know from many examples that once you start eliminating the predators at the top it has a ripple effect throughout the food web," said Conover. "It is difficult to predict what would happen, but we know there are major effects in altering the food web."



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New Moons of Neptune are First Discovered Since 1989

By Robert Roy Britt
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Astronomers announced On January 13, 2003 the discovery of three previously unseen moons orbiting Neptune, bringing the total of satellites around that planet to 11.

The moons are the first found at Neptune since the Voyager II mission in 1989 and the first detected from the ground since 1949. Each is roughly 18-24 miles (30-40 kilometers) in diameter. The research was led by Matthew Holman of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and JJ Kavelaars of the National Research Council of Canada.

Neptune is the eighth most distant planet in our solar system, though every couple of centuries it switches places with No. 9, Pluto. A giant icy world, Neptune is in fourth place in the satellite department. Earlier this month, University of Hawaii astronomers found a small satellite around Jupiter, bringing the total there to 40. Saturn has 30 known moons, and Uranus has 21.

The moon temporarily designated S/2002 N1 is shown here in images from the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory's 4-meter Blanco telescope. A permanent name for the moon must be approved by the International Astronomical Union.

On its approach to Neptune in August 1989, Voyager 2 captured this image of the fourth and outermost of the giant gas planets. This image shows two of the four oval cloud features tracked by the cameras. The large dark oval near the left edge revolves around Neptune every 18 hours.

Sunlight reflecting from the newfound Neptunian moons is so minimal that they are about 100 million times fainter than what can be seen with the naked eye under dark skies from Earth.

The discoveries were made by adding together multiple images taken from the 4.0-meter Blanco telescope at the Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory in Chile, and the 3.6-meter Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope in Hawaii. All three newly spotted satellites are irregular, meaning they either orbit in the opposite direction of the planet's rotation or carve a path that is highly inclined to the planet's plane of rotation.

Neptune has two other irregular satellites and six regular moons. Triton, the largest moon of Neptune, orbits in the opposite direction and is thought to be a captured object. In fact, all of the irregular satellites have somewhat traceable histories. The smaller ones are most likely the re-

sult of a collision long ago between an existing moon and a passing comet or asteroid, astronomers say.

"These collisional encounters result in the ejection of parts of the original parent moon and the production of families of satellites. Those families are exactly what we're finding," said Kavelaars.

The discoveries open a window through which astronomers observe the conditions in the solar system at the time the planets were forming, Holman said. Other members of the team: graduate student Tommy Grav, University of Oslo & Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics; undergraduate students Wesley Fraser and Dan Milisavljevic, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Satellite discoveries around the outer planets are coming at the rate of several per year, thanks to improved telescopes and optics and new computer techniques. Many require additional observations to be confirmed.

In a separate announcement last week, another research team said it had found evidence for the first so-called Trojan satellite of Neptune. Not a true moon, this is an asteroid trapped in an odd gravitational dance with both Neptune and the Sun. Jupiter plays host to several Trojan asteroids.

"Neptunian Trojans were long suspected to exist and it is gratifying to finally know that they do," said Eugene Chiang of the University of California at Berkeley

Cool Facts about Neptune

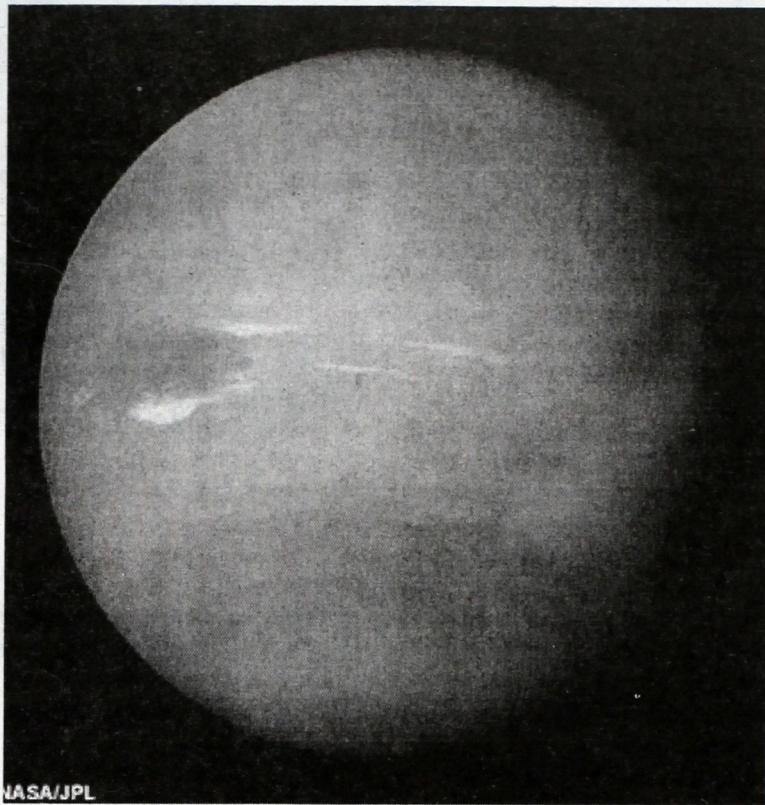
By Joe Rao
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Voyager 2 passed Neptune in 1989 and showed it to possess a deep-blue atmosphere, with rapidly moving wisps of white clouds. Also evident was a Great Dark Spot, rather similar in nature to Jupiter's famous Great Red Spot.

Recent observations of Neptune using the Hubble Space Telescope suggest that the Dark Spot seen by Voyager 2 has dissipated; yet has apparently been replaced by another.

The atmosphere of Neptune is apparently composed chiefly of hydrocarbon compounds.

Based on the rotation rate of its magnetic field, a rotation rate of 16.1 hours has been assigned to Neptune. Voyager 2 also revealed the existence of at least three rings around Neptune, composed of very fine particles.



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Neptune has 11 known moons [the most recent three were announced in January 2003]. One of them, Triton, has a tenuous atmosphere of nitrogen and at nearly 1,700 miles (2,740 kilometers) in diameter is larger than Pluto. Because Triton is moving in a retrograde orbit — backward in relation to the planet's spin — there has been some suggestion that Neptune may actually have captured it in the distant past. Astronomers with access to a telescope of 12 inches or more might even be able to get a glimpse of Triton, very close to Neptune itself.

Odd Discovery

Neptune's discovery came about from long-term observations of Uranus. It seemed to astronomers that some unknown body was somehow perturbing Uranus' orbit.

In 1846, two astronomers, Urbain J.J. Leverrier (1811-1877) of France and John Couch Adams (1819-1892) of England independently were working on this

In the meantime, Leverrier wrote to the Berlin Observatory requesting that they search in the place he directed. Johann Galle and Heinrich d'Arrest at Berlin did exactly as instructed and found the new planet in less than an hour.

Interestingly, in the year 2010 Neptune will have completed one full trip around the Sun since its discovery.

Galileo Almost found Neptune

A strange fact about Neptune is that it was very nearly discovered by none other than Galileo with his crude telescope more than 21/2 centuries earlier.

It was while observing Jupiter and its system of four large satellites on Dec. 28, 1612 that, in the same field of view, Galileo unknowingly recorded Neptune as an eighth magnitude star.

Just over one month later on Jan. 27, 1613, Galileo recorded two stars in his telescope field, one of which was Neptune. The next night when he looked again, he noted that the two stars seemed farther apart. If he had only continued to keep watch in the following nights he would have almost certainly would have realized that one of the "stars" was indeed moving.

But Galileo should not be faulted for not recognizing Neptune, for later observers stumbled across it without realizing what it really was, too. Among them was the skilled French astronomer, Lalande (1795); the English astronomer, John Herschel (1830); and the Scottish astronomer, Von Lamont, just days before Neptune was actually discovered in 1846. All thought it was nothing more than an ordinary star.

And yet, if only Galileo had followed through with his observations, the eighth planet would have been discovered before the seventh!

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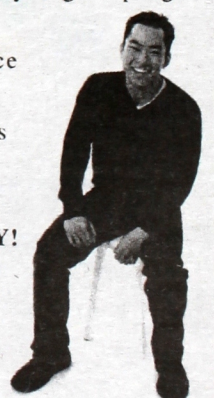
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